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The Honorable Peter J. Messitte  
United States District Judge  
United States District Court for the District of Maryland  
6500 Cherrywood Lane  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

**Re: Gough v. Bankers Life  
Civil No. PJM 17-2341**

Dear Judge Messitte:

In response to the Court's October 26, 2017 letter Order, Defendant has no objection to the Court's corresponding directly with Ms. Gough concerning appointment of an attorney. We understand that any action with respect to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss is suspended, and, therefore, we will take no action to submit any reply to Ms. Gough's October 23, 2017 submission that purports to respond to Defendant's Motion.

We will await further order from the Court as to how we should proceed. Many thanks.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Paul J. Kennedy  
Paul J. Kennedy

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